

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 9, line 23, with the following amended paragraph:

Figure 8 shows a method of dynamically moving defect management areas. The method controls the recording of the blocks by locating each block at a physical address in a track on a record carrier. Physical addresses in first parts of the track are assigned to at least one user data area and physical addresses in second parts of the track are assigned to defect management areas as shown in Figure 4. In a first step 71 'RECEIVE' a command is received to record a series of blocks having continuous logical addresses, in particular digitally encoded video. In a step 'TRANSLATE' 72 the logical addresses are translated into corresponding physical addresses. For the translation defect management information is retrieved from the record carrier, for example primary defect lists indicating slipped defects as described above. It is noted that the defect management information includes remapping information indicative for translating a logical address initially mapped to a physical address exhibiting a defect to an alternate physical address in a defect management area. The process of detecting defects and maintaining the defect management

information in the defect management areas is not shown separately in the Figure. In a step 'DETECT DMA' 73 it is detected if the allocated physical address range is interrupted by a subset of physical addresses assigned to a defect management area. If not, the writing of the series is performed in step 'WRITE' 74, and the process complete at 'END' 7577. However, if an interrupting DMA is detected in step 'DETECT DMA' 73, the DMA is removed by reallocating the subset of physical addresses assigned to the DMA to the user data area in step 'REALLOCATE' 75. In a step 'UPDATE DM' 76 the defect management information is adapted to the removal of the interrupting DMA. Finally in step 'WRITE' 74 the series of blocks is contiguously recorded extending over the subset of physical addresses now reallocated to user data area. It is noted that various options for accommodating the defect management information originally assigned to the removed DMA are described with the device options above.